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M.B.A. Dedicates Joe C. Davis Building

by Jim Bowen, Staff Writer

On Sunday, November 22, M.B.A.'s new, state-of-the-art Davis Building, named in honor of the late Joe C. Davis, was officially dedicated. The ceremony took place at 3:00 p.m., and was followed by musical performances by some of M.B.A.'s many talented students, including Eric Daugherty on the saxophone and the highly acclaimed Ian McClure on the french horn.

Following the festivities, faculty hosts helped lead tours through the building, giving guests a glimpse of the wonderful art and music facilities, as well as the gorgeous new auditorium. M.B.A. is lucky to have such a building on its already beautiful campus, and much of the credit must be given to Joe C. Davis and his family for their constant support of M.B.A.

Joseph Columbus Davis died in November of 1989, but his many accomplishments, his relentless

spirit, and his love for his alma mater remain etched in our memories. Mr. Davis attended M.B.A. on scholarship from the school, and he soon became a star tennis player. After graduation in 1937, he went on to attend Vanderbilt University on a basketball and tennis scholarship, where he won three Southeastern Conference individual tennis titles, adding to his 32 other titles between 1936 and 1945.

After serving as a Navy lieutenant in World War II in Sicily, Salerno, and Normandy, Mr. Davis then went on to start a very successful career business enterprise, where his "uncomplicated lifestyle and low profile belied his fierceness as a competitor in the business world," a friend

once said. "I would not bet against him in anything."



The late Joe C. Davis

Mr. Davis also served as chairman of M.B.A.'s Board of Trustees, but many in Nashville com-

munity still remember him for his tennis prowess. "I think he accomplished more on a national level than any other (Nashville) native in tennis," remarked Thay Butchee, director of tennis at Belle Meade Country Club. "He took no prisoners. I don't care if he were playing with his brother," former doubles partner John Thorpe once said. And it was precisely this competitive and internal personality that made him so successful in business, athletics, and life. "He'd remind me that the competition put on their britches the same way we did," a friend commented. "He was confident."

Here at M.B.A., however, he is still remembered best for his love of the school and for his tireless ef-

forts to improve it. "He loved M.B.A., appreciated having gone to M.B.A., did well financially in his business, and gave back to M.B.A.," said his successor as Chairman of the Board, Ridley Wills. "It was Mr. Davis' dream to help M.B.A. and the surrounding community, and the funds used to erect the building named in his honor are largely due to his tireless efforts as Chairman of the Board."

Joe C. Davis exemplified the M.B.A. ideal, an ideal of "well-earned scholarly knowledge, the value of team effort toward a common goal, a commitment of service to our community, and a strong sense of the gentleman, scholar, athlete tradition." Mr. Davis' new building, dedicated in his memory on November 22, 1992 as part of M.B.A.'s 125th anniversary celebration, will help preserve this cherished ideal.

- The Bell Ringer would like to thank Mr. Weaver for his help with this article.

M.B.A. Seniors Gain National Merit Semifinalist Honors

From Staff Reports

Based on their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, taken in October of their junior year, the following students were recognized as National Merit Semifinalists: Andrew Vahrenkamp, Bartley McGehee, Peter Stahl, Jerry Keathley, Alan Sundell, and Flagg Youngblood. Only 15,000 high school seniors become semifinalists. This 15,000 represents the top 1% of the scores of all the high school seniors nation-wide. A selection index of 196 was needed to qualify for semifinal status. Semifinalists continue to compete for merit-based scholarships throughout their senior year. In addition,



From right to left: Winn Keathley, Flagg Youngblood, Peter Stahl, Bartley McGehee, Andrew Vahrenkamp
Seated: Ted Malisch. Not pictured: Alan Sundell

twenty other seniors received recognition as commended students. Congratulations to these students on their outstanding achievement.

Service Club Reaches Out to the Community

by Flagg Youngblood, Service Club President

Over the past three months of school, the M.B.A. Service Club has been very active. In the community, we have worked at Belle Meade Mansion's Fallfest, the Heart Association's Corporate Olympics, Nashville Table's Hike Against Hunger, CASA's Project Playhouse, The Martha O'Bryan Center's bazaar, the Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run, the Bill Wilkerson Speech and Hearing Center's Christmas Village, the Cumberland Museum's Doll Weekend, Habitat for Humanity, and Grassmere's Halloween Howl. The work that we did at Grassmere was by far the most impressive and the most

rewarding.

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The Bell Ringer would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Montgomery Bell Academy
Nashville, Tennessee

NEWS

*Letters to the Editor***Respect and Tolerance**

Dear Bell Ringer,

The past two issues of *The Bell Ringer* have been nothing more than a battle between the conservatives and the liberals at M.B.A. Sure, Mr. Chapman has made his point clear that he resents longhairs and Mr. Kuhn has made his point clear that he resents Winston's viewpoints. First of all, this paper is not a means of settling personal disputes.

It is a means of communicating the events, ideas, accomplishments, and goals of this school. In my opinion, it shows very bad taste for students to attack other students in our paper because we, the students, are not the only ones who read the paper; our parents, parents' friends,

alumni and others also read the paper. We cannot continue to present this hateful, two-sided image of the school because it yields a very divided, and even depressing, reflection of the school.

Sure, there are always going to be differences between people. I'm not writing some happy peace article. However, tolerance is a virtue that many students (and even teachers) here seem to be lacking. I'm tired of hearing the word "longhair" because it is a stereotypical and racist term. I'm also tired of the decadent assumptions given to longhairs. It's all about respect-respecting one's differences.

On the other hand, I am also tired of hearing some people say that this school is

bad because of the regulations surrounding hair and dress codes. M.B.A. is a traditional, college preparatory school. You knew what you were getting into when you came here.

From my view, the state of the school as far as the student body goes, is very disconcerted at this point. We need to start focusing more on ourselves than on others. You are responsible for yourself and your actions; don't worry about what everyone else is doing. If you are respectful to each other and of the school, there will be no more personal conflict.

Sincerely,
Business Editor
Chris Trabue

Love It or Leave It

Dear Bell Ringer,

I am sick and tired of students complaining about M.B.A. M.B.A. gives its students the best overall education in the South. I believe that the opportunity exists for all students to get involved in something of interest. We have an outstanding art and music program, a strong debate team, participation in every TSSAA sport, and also Lacrosse and Swimming, which do not even require passing grades for participation. A wide range of clubs, from drama to odyssey of the mind, offer plenty of opportunities for all students. Students who neglect to get involved and fail to contribute positively to the reputation of the school should leave.

There is a contingent of worthless students, who attempt to defy the rules and reflect poorly on the school.

They are not needed and they are not wanted. I am not saying that there is no place for originality. But certainly one can find his own identity through the opportunities which M.B.A. provides, within the framework of school rules. Dr. Paschall does an outstanding job as headmaster and does not need any students to make his job more difficult.

It is time to get rid of students who do not support M.B.A., and put down the school. Quit complaining; appreciate the gift your parents have given you and take some pride in your school. If you don't want to be here, go to Hillsboro. As my mother used to say, "Eat it or don't eat it, but don't complain." That's the attitude one needs to take toward M.B.A.

Sincerely,
Brad Maggart

Letter From the Editor

Will
Berry
Editor-in-
Chief

The third and most controversial issue of *The Bell Ringer* is here! The staff is

encouraged by the student response which we are receiving. Letters to the Editor in support of or against articles in the past issue and general opinions about school life are encouraged by any students, faculty members, or any other individual who reads *The Bell Ringer*. A box

will be put in the Trophy Room for letters to the editor and questions for Dr. Dickey. Any other ideas on features or articles for future issues would be appreciated. Hope you enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,
Editor-in-Chief,
Will Berry

A Final Word on Hair

Dear Bell Ringer,

In my opinion, the debate over proper hair length has gone on long enough; therefore, I would like to submit a quotation from the renowned Broadway play *Hair* and hopefully close the subject.

"I would just like to say that it is my conviction that longer hair and other flamboyant affectations of appearance are nothing more than the male's emergence from his fleshy

camouflage into the gaudy plumage which is the birthrite of his sex. There is a peculiar notion that elegant plumage and fine feathers are not proper for the male when actually that is the way things are in most species."

Sincerely,
Bo Sundius

The Defender of the Facts

Dear Bell Ringer,

I know the election is over, but I couldn't help but comment on a certain opinions article in the last issue of *The Bell Ringer*. In this article, some inane conservative, who called himself the "Defender of the Faith," rambled on about some issues which didn't really seem important.

I, like most Clinton supporters, did not criticize Bush for having the worst economic in fifty years, dropping the nation from first to thirteenth in wages, quadrupling the national debt, not doing anything for education or the environment, ignoring unemployment, vetoing thirty-four bills, and being the only president to fight a war and not improve the economy. Those issues don't

interest me.

What I would like to comment on is this simple-minded conservative's last paragraph in which he says: "So it is good-bye to the Mercedes, so long to the house in Sea Island, and bon voyage to the European vacations. If these things do not matter to you, that is perfectly all right, but I am quite simply incapable of understanding why the wealthy should be punished for their success and hard work through heavy taxation."

Well, Mr. Defender, the problem with your views on the issues is that you think that the lower and middle classes are just groups of people who are too lazy to work. The truth is that the lower and middle classes are the farmers, construction workers, and garbage men of

America. They work just as hard as the upper class, sometimes harder. True, the upper class has earned its money, but the other classes have earned and deserve food, clothing, and shelter. In many cases they do not even get this.

Contrary to what you are thinking, I don't hate the rich. I just think that if taxing the rich a little more will help everyone else, then there is nothing wrong with it. Remember Mr. Defender, you are always going to need someone to wash the Mercedes, clean the house in Sea Island, and drive the taxi to the airport so you can go on your European vacation.

Sincerely,
"The Defender of
the Facts"
Bill Siesser

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CLUB UPDATE

Varsity Debate Team Continues Success

by Bobby Hartman, Reporter

The 1992-1993 debate team has continued its success in recent weeks. At the Bronx Science Invitational Tournament in New York City, the Varsity component of Suresh Gunasekaran and Bobby Hartman eased into elimination rounds as third seed. The team reached quarterfinal rounds while Suresh individually captured top speaker.

Competing at the Calhoun Debate Tournament in Georgia, the team also put forth a good showing. Here, Thomas Springer captured first place in original oratory while sophomores Eric Womack and Eric Himmelfarb compiled a 4-1 record and qualified for elimination rounds. In the Lincoln-Douglas division, Mark Roden compiled a winning record of 4-1 while Jonathan Glickstein and David Brooks each had 3-

2 records.

The same weekend as Calhoun, representatives of the team competed at the Hunters Lane Invitational Tournament. Deji Okediji, a first-time novice debater, achieved a first-place ranking while Jim Miller, debating in Varsity division, remained undefeated and was ranked third overall.

The last tournament attended by the M.B.A. debate squad was at the St. James School in Mr. Tate's favorite state, Alabama. Jim Miller was awarded first place in the Lincoln-Douglas debate while Praveen Kambam and Eric Himmelfarb, debating in the Varsity division, captured first place as well. Praveen was awarded the first place speaker award while Eric placed a close second. In the Novice policy debate, Chris Allen paired

Drama Club to Put on First Performances

by Sean Strauss, Drama Club Vice President

The first production of the MBA Drama Club is underway. Scheduled for December 4, 5, and 6, the premiere production is expected to be a great success. The play consists of 5 one-acts, all of which were written by local playwrights. The one-acts are varied in theme, but they all contain the very hard work of talented casts. The casts are not the only highlight to the production; the directors, who are all in the Drama Club, took a deadline that seemed impossible and turned it into a challenge. The progress that has been made is not only re-

spectable, but also amazing.

The one-acts are: *IS*, written by Bart Whiteman and directed by Will O'Hare, *Loitering*, written by Emily Compton and directed by Bill Siesser, *Bikini Girls from Mars*, written by Bart Whiteman and directed by Beau Tidwell, *Life Stenched of Imitation Crabmeat*, written and directed by Sean Strauss, and *Gods are People Too*, written by Gary Giblin and directed by Hayes Fowler. The cast consists mainly of St. Cecilia and MBA students. Further information on the production will

be posted soon.

There are two new executive officers who need introduction. Beau Tidwell has taken the position of Second Vice President, and Geoffrey Leek has taken the position of First Secretary. Great things are expected from these new officers, and much of the important progress of the Drama Club is a result of their hard work. Do not forget to check the glass doors for further information on the upcoming production; it is something you will not want to miss. Until next time, the curtain is closed.

with David McDowell reached quarterfinal rounds. Individually, T. Eddie Sisk was recognized as the second place individual speaker. Congratulations to the debate team on its continued success.

Junior School Debate Team Wins Tourney

by Michael Risen, Reporter

The junior school forensics team went to the Baylor School in Chattanooga for what turned out to be a great tournament. We finished first overall with a total of 17 points, way ahead of the other teams. Among the other competitors were Baylor, University School at Chattanooga, and Girls Preparatory School.

The nine member team consisted of: Michael Risen, Stephen Marler, Braxton Felts, Arun Anandiah, Chase Martin, Grant Dickson, John Shahan, Simon Moore, and Tyson Tune. Only five team members had previous debate tournament experience. Grant Dickson,

in his first tournament, came in a strong first with an average score of 90, and Michael Risen came in a close second with an average of 88 in Television Broadcasting. John Shahan, also in his first tournament, came in third in Dramatic Interpretation.

Six of the M.B.A. team members also competed in Student Congress, in which Michael Risen took the first place Junior Speaker Award. The team has another tournament in Chattanooga, the McCallie tournament, and an upcoming tournament at Father Ryan. We hope to have as much success in future competitions.

Harpeth Hall Playmakers present Pippin

by Benjamin Purser, Reporter

The Harpeth Hall playmakers were slated to perform the musical *Pippin* on the weekend of November 20-22 at press time. *Pippin* is the story of a young man's search for personal fulfillment and a life with meaning. A colorful troupe of travelling actors presents *Pippin*'s story. The Leading Player, setting the stage for "magic and meriment," explains that the Players should not be held accountable for historical accuracy (The title character is loosely based on Pepin, the first-born son of Emperor Charles the Great, though he

bears little resemblance to the actual historical figure.)

Pippin is an "extraordinary" young man, talented and handsome; yet he feels strangely unfulfilled. In his quest for truth, he tries to find the meaning of life through ventures into war, sex and revolution, and domesticity. Unhappy with the discoveries he makes, *Pippin* continues on a path leading to an "extraordinary" finale involving a stunning conflagration in a magician's firebox. At the last moment, he makes a surprising but simple discovery that finally ends his

search and brings him to terms with his world.

As for the M.B.A. students participating in *Pippin*, Greg Holyfield stars in the title role. Mr. Richard Wright plays Charlemagne, Jeremy Hagan plays Lewis, and Benjamin Purser plays the talking head/headless man. The rest of the troupe includes: Sacha Engel (the

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OPINIONS

I'm Right, You're Wrong, and Here's Why



Winston Chapman

"Defender of the Faith"

Writer's Note: Mr. Chapman's views are not necessarily those held by M.B.A. or by *The Bell Ringer*. BUT THEY OUGHT TO BE!

Welcome back, ever faithful readers, to the only column in this paper (in the known universe, for that matter) dedicated to preserving my wisdom for the ages. By the way, it's I, the epitome of morality and virtue at M.B.A., your great Defender of the Faith, Winston Chapman.

As was the case with my first article on the hair and dress codes, my second masterpiece containing my pre-presidential election extravaganza was accepted by a superior majority at M.B.A. This third installment is even better than the first two, and we have a lot of ground to cover so let's get to it.

First, I'll comment on Andrew Vahrenkamp's article, "Clinton, Liberals, and Longhairs." Quite obviously, Andrew did not even bother to read my article, infers that I feel that it is appropriate to judge and condemn someone on the basis of his hair length. Wrong and totally off base! In no way did I imply in my article that "people with long hair are a bane to society and should be eradicated" as Andrew says. Nor am I to this group "as a scapegoat" for my "own failings" since I have none.

All I am trying to get across is that we are students at the best and most prestigious high school in the state, and we should follow the rules and guidelines which are clearly stated in the school handbook. 'Nuff said on that response.

Next, I turn my attention to Chris

Kuhn's rebuttal to my first article. I would first like to thank Chris for his response, since one purpose of my column is to stimulate interest in *The Bell Ringer*. However, he should prepare himself for my devastating counter-attack.

tating counter-attack.

His letter states that I "disguise the real issue of breaking Southern tradition with the 'subject of rebelling against the hair and dress codes.'" In fact, I refer to and

fully condone what some consider to be an "aristocratic Southern country club" atmosphere at M.B.A., so there is no attempt to disguise anything here. Also, his rebuttal mentions that I contradict myself in stating that "I offer facts, not opinions" and then that "my viewpoints may appear a bit cold." He is correct in his assertion that a viewpoint is an opinion and I must admit that my statement was a bit ambiguous. What I meant to say was that MY opinions and MY viewpoints are facts. Chris then goes on to suggest that this year's senior class is not perfect. Any group or organization of which I am a part is automatically flawless. Next, he compares M.B.A. to the University of Nashville and asserts that the produces students equal M.B.A. "dard of excellence." Give U.S.N. is a fine school, but let's not be ridiculous.

Finally, the letter dares to imply that I am a hate monger who thinks that anyone slightly different from the norm, including "blacks, homosexuals, (and) Northerners" should be exterminated. Did I suggest that in my article? Of course not! How Chris made the quantum leap from the issue of hair and dress codes at M.B.A. to the issue of racial and religious bigotry is beyond my understanding.

And now for a little post-election commentary. Slick Willie has won, fair and square.

I hope everyone is ready for what is going to be a "taxing" (notice the pun) four years. There seems to be a lot of you who believe that your income levels are low enough so as to be immune to the Slickster's plans. Think again. I challenge all of you who voted for Clinton to take a long, hard look at the facts and figures of his tax plan and his plan to reconfigure the medical field. They are, to say the least, quite distressing.

However, I urge you all not to give up hope. Be confident! Clinton has received no "mandate" from the American people (with only 43% of the popular vote) as Bush did in

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Read my lips, Defender of the Faith



Chris Kuhn
Staff Writer

Dear Mr. Chapman,

You still don't get it? Well, let's go back and review the difference between facts and opinions: "Bill Clinton won the Presidential election" is a fact. "Bill Clinton is America's savior" is an opinion. Now that you hopefully understand, let's begin.

While you think that USN cannot stand up to M.B.A. academically, I believe it can: just compare SAT scores and college acceptances of past classes. In addition, USN exposes students to various walks of individuality without sacrificing the opportunity for a quality education. However, our main concern is not arguing over two excellent schools; but trying to correct M.B.A.'s main flaw: discrimination.

You fail to see that hate is hate. It doesn't matter what type of person the hate is directed towards. There is no "quantum leap" between hate of "long hairs" and hate towards blacks, gays, women, or foreigners—only a small

step. Hateful people exist everywhere, and prejudice should not be unexpected. But when you condone the bigotry instead of isolating it and correcting it with education, the hate spreads to others.

Is treating all people equally not basic human decency? Are all men and women not created equal? When a student forms an

opinion about someone just because of his appearance or his friends, there is a problem. These issues aren't just going to disappear, Mr. Chapman, and stating that your last article was embraced by the public only proves that there is, in fact, a problem.

Recently, I was told by a faculty member that changing the hair and dress code might enrage the alumni who contributed most of the money for the new building. The teacher went on to say that if one of these contributors visited the school and saw one of the "long hairs", he might not give another cent. I hope that this is not the opinion of the rest of our alumni, and that future graduates will work to end discrimination, thereby becoming true gentlemen.

Is treating all people equally not basic human decency?

Clinton has received no 'mandate' from the people

School and as-latter stu-to the "stance" or take!

Those who would tear down the great traditions of our country are, in fact, losing

Political Impropriety: Campus Republicans



Andrew Vahrenkamp

Opinions Editor

Greetings yet again, everyone. I promised I would not gloat over the events of November 3 (we

won) and you're not going to hear me say anything about it (landslide). In fact, that event (Republicans lose everything) leads me to my main topic today: political impropriety. When I speak of political impropriety, I am referring to a very controversial "advertisement"

printed in the flyer edition of this very paper, *The Bell Ringer*. Apparently, some Republicans just could not accept defeat, and decided that perhaps it would solve their psychologically distressed mentalities to slander the next President of the United States. I wonder

if that remark boosted their collective inferiority complex or if they are still wallowing in the pits of denial and self-delusion. Perhaps they, like all schoolyard bullies, get some cheap thrill from hurting others, just so they can mask their own irreconcilable

weaknesses. Guess what? You're the minority now!!!

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OPINIONS

Dr. Dickey's Dating Dilemmas

Dr. R.A.
DickeyDating
Psychologist

Dear Dr. Dickey,

I have a problem. This really nice girl keeps leaving me notes in my locker. She keeps telling me how much she loves me and how much she wants to go out with me. But this is a really old relationship, and I don't know if she'll break my heart again. Should I call her or not? I need your help doc.

One confused Injun

Dear B- (I mean) One Confused Injun,

This is an interesting problem. Well, there is a simple solution. When you and this girl had a relationship before, who broke it off? If it was you, for whatever reason, then your problem is solved: just stay away from her.

Don't get reinvolved in something that will eventually fall apart.

If she broke up with you, then I suggest one of two plans based on the way you feel. First, if you don't like this girl anymore, and you never want to see her again, then return her letters and call her up, acting as if you are interested again and want to rekindle the old flame. After you get her back and she's fallen deeply in love with you...axe her! Although this is a rather cruel suggestion, I guarantee its effectiveness for your purpose.

The second plan is if you want to pursue your old relationship with her. If so, play her game, and act interested. The rest will take care of itself.

Dear Dr. Dickey,

I am a problem, no, I mean I have a problem. I really like this girl but she is in sixth grade. I am eighteen. I

know if I wait long enough we can get married. But I'm confused right now. All the girls my age reject me. Every night I go home and cry. So I go for the younger women. It's so awesome! Dr. Dickey, HELP ME!

Sincerely,

One messed up Psycho

Dear One messed up Psycho,

I hate to discourage you away from your true feelings, but you were right on the money when you said you have a problem; you do, a big one. It's sort of sick. The only thing I can do for you is suggest a psychiatric help for you. I mean, for heaven's sake, in a year when you turn eighteen you could be arrested. I bet she is, what...about thirteen years old at most. As you can see, there is a slight age difference. I suggest that you do as I prescribed and seek help...immediately.

Editor's Note: Dr. Dickey is not a licensed therapist and is not legally permitted to prescribe medicine. He is, however, very experienced in solving others social problems and will entertain any serious questions from the student body. If you have any questions for Dr. Dickey, please give them to him, Will Berry, or any other member of *The Bell Ringer* staff.

Pippin...

Leading Player), Julie Asbury (the Leading Player solo), Shelly Holmer (L.P. solo), Hallie Anderson (L.P. solo), Mary Wallace Patrick (Fastrada), Dionne Gardner (Catherine), Emily Compton (Berthe), Devon Williamson (Theo), Sarah Phillips (assorted male parts), Katie Earls, Ashley Horne, Yonit

Adelstein, Lindsey King, Christie Fontecchio, and Beverly Statland (ensemble).

Pippin is directed by Janette Fox Klocko. Choreography is by Stephanie Hamilton, and musical direction is by Lynne Rothrock and David Cassel.



MICHAEL *Renee*
LIFESTYLE PORTRAITURE

(Formerly Skipworth) Salutes

Jody Cummings

Jody is a member of the Varsity Football team, a member of Cum Laude, a member of Totomoi, and secretary of the Senior class

Wrestling...

margins. The Microbes finish up the regular season with a match against Brentwood Middle School and then participate in the prestigious H.V.A.C. Tournament. The wrestlers want to thank coaches Gaither, Downer, and Uden for their hard work and effort.

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Service Club...

In the next three months, we will be working for the Ladies of Charity, the Salvation Army, the United Way, and other charities in the community.

In addition, we have been working hard for M.B.A.; we have helped in over twenty projects, including the French Immersion Day.

Now, however, I would like to share the gratitude expressed by the community on one of our more recent Service Club projects. We received this letter in appreciation from the Martha O' Bryan Center in appreciation for our help with their bazaar.

November 9, 1992

Dear M.B.A. Service Club,

A very tired group of people certainly welcomed you M.B.A. young men on Saturday, October 31, at the Second Presbyterian Church. You all did a wonderful job and we appreciate the time you gave to us on that afternoon.

I have and will highly recommend your

group throughout this school year. I wish you lots of luck in all your endeavors.

I was very impressed. Many thanks.

Roz Gant, Volunteer Coordinator

Well, gentlemen, we have earned it! The comments that we have gotten back on every project so far have been enormously praiseworthy. Every project has been well staffed by M.B.A. gentlemen who have been willing to work long and hard. We have already had more service projects and credit awards this year than M.B.A. had during the entire year last year.

There is still much opportunity to be had by all. Basketball season is now here with its multitudes of credits. And on the same note, the Christmas season is approaching with all its cries for assistance.

There will be at least one project each weekend from now until Christmas. So remember, we still have many opportunities, and they are all waiting for you.

Chapman...

1988. We will endure and prevail through these next four years. We can still live in an America that is better, more safe, more moral, and more prosperous. Those who would tear down the great traditions of this country are, in fact, losing. Just don't let those liberals get you down over this minor setback.

Remember how I handle them: I laugh at their

outrageous statements and ridicule their latest lunacies, and so should you. Laugh and move on. They are the past. We conservatives are the future. I will warn you that this is a never ending battle, and if you wish to follow the chronicle of the Liberals' demise, just keep reading my column every month. And by the way, I'm right.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Sex, X, and Super-death



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Entertainment
Editor

With the purpose of enlightening those fellow readers who are either too engrossed in the anti-climactic conclusion of the football season or those who have no possible social outlet, I have decided to enrich you with my personal commentary on the current events in the modern entertainment spectrum.

Perhaps the most publicized, and certainly most intriguing event is the publication of Madonna's book, *Sex*. Labeled as pornography by some, *Sex* is a visual presentation of a wide variety of sexual fantasies comprised and demonstrated by the pop idol herself. Purchase of this provocative book is limited to those eighteen and older due to its explicit display of exploitation.

The American people seem to approve: *Sex* was number one on the non-fiction best-sellers list the week after its release. People, has the swift decline in American morality actually led us to promote such trash? Granted, my male instincts led me to peruse the book and found some sequences artistic as well as entertaining; however, when animals and whips roam into the picture, I draw

the line. Whatever the case, Madonna succeeds again in being the queen of controversy. Like a Virgin...I don't think so.

On the more cultural side, the much-awaited film *Malcolm X* opened November 18. The movie is based on the life of the controversial African-American leader Malcolm X, played by Denzel Washington. Director Spike Lee (*I'm Gonna Get You Sucka*, *Jungle Fever*) struggled financially to get this project completed for months until actors such as Eddie Murphy and Bill Cosby helped Lee with his budget problems. The film highlights the career of the spiritual leader and his influence on individu-

als of all races. Already there is talk of Oscars for this film. The movie has also brought a variety of merchandise similar to that of the *Batman* craze. From shirts to hats and even potato chips. "X" marks the spot everywhere you look.

The inspiration behind all of the hype is based on the Malcolm X biography, written by a former Tennessee writer, the late Alex Haley. In other film news, River Phoenix was in town last week for the shooting of his new movie. Teenie bopper's favorite pinup prince was filming at the Bluebird Cafe in Green Hills in front of a host of screaming fans. Also featured in the film are Web Wilder and Trisha Yearwood.

Shooting also starts this week in Memphis for the movie version of *The Firm*. Based on the novel by John Grisham, the film stars Tom Cruise who plays the leading role of a lawyer caught in a deadly game after taking a position at the most elite law firm in Memphis.

Finally, on a sad note in the comic industry, D.C. comics recently released an issue including the death of Superman. Yes, the man of

steel has finally met his match. Conquered by "evil forces," Superman is left to die in a pool of blood. Folks, to me this is a complete miscarriage of justice. To kill someone as inspirational and American as Superman is sacrilegious. Sources at D.C. will not comment on further details or a possible comeback in the future by the man from Krypton.

Well, I hope some of you readers are informed sufficiently. Although I cannot be as factual as Mr. Chapman, I hope I have put forth a valiant effort.

Has the swift decline in American morality actually led us to promote such trash?

Psycho's Top Ten Heavy Metal Bands

by Samuel Smaldone, Metalhead

"If you can't bear the metal, get out of the kitchen!" "If you can't bang with the big boys, go home!"

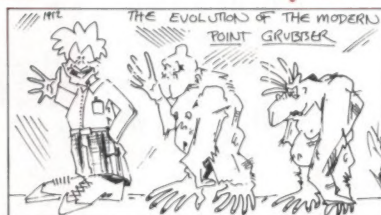


Listen and you will survive!

- 10) OBITUARY
- 9) PANTERA
- 8) IRON MAIDEN
- 7) METAL CHURCH
- 6) BARRY MANILOW
- 5) SLAYER
- 4) NAPALM DEATH
- 3) TESTAMENT
- 2) MEGADEATH
- 1) METALLICA

I'm sick of this Country Corner. It's time you M.B.A. Metal Heads got what you deserve!

Cartoon



by Aaron Peterson

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We hold another's
faults before our
eyes, but our own
behind our back
- Seneca

SPORTS

The Tennessee Outdoorsman

by Frazer Buntin and Jim Dismukes, Outdoorsmen

Welcome back! As the Fall days become colder, the fishing just gets hotter. Many anglers call it quits this time of year, but if you know what your doin', Fall can provide many a successful trip. A couple of days ago, Jim and I packed up our gear and headed for Montgomery Bell State Park for some prime crappie fishing. There are many successful techniques for catching crappie. We trolled 1/8 ounce chartreuse jigs at about eight to ten feet, but to no avail. Then we tried on a darker color and headed for deeper waters. At twelve to fourteen feet, the depth-finder was covered with fish

and so were our lines. It wasn't long until we had a nice mess of fish for the frying pan. Remember, however, to use "catch and release" tactics if you don't plan on eating the fish.

If you plan on doing any bass fishin', sneak off to your favorite secret spot where there is a big, bad water bass waiting behind every stump. We suggest using a six inch culprits rubber worm and a quarter ounce bullet weight. Now remember, the water temperature has gotten colder, so you need to work it in real slow and be patient because the fish tend to get lazy this time of year.

We recommend get-

ting out into the wilderness to feel the cool breeze of Fall and to see the ripple of a large-mouth just below the surface. Don't forget the upcoming seasons: quail opens November 14, rifle for deer opens November 21, and duck season opens December 5. So head for the nearest pond before it gets too cold and enjoy the longstanding tradition of fishing. See ya' in the field.

NEED ANY
OUTDOOR
TIPS? SEE
FRAZER OR JIM
FOR ADVICE!

Weenie Bowl '92: A War of Words

Golf Versus Cross Country

by Kyle Hatcher

by Frazer Buntin and Glenn Gaston

Weenie Bowl: Can't you already feel the cross-country team's power before this Sunday's crucial matchup? That's where you're wrong! More or less, these pitiful tight-stomached pansies have no meat, anywhere. And their football prowess, well let's just say that Jason Barton and Fly aren't gonna run any power sweeps. Let's be honest here, the real men are from the golf team where some of us aren't afraid to show their guts (Curtis, what) and eat more than lettuce for lunch. Furthermore, at least our players show some good judgement on the playing field, at least we have concentration, at least we don't get busted... Anyway, if you want to see a powerhouse, with big-time players such as Showtime, Hindu, Hagdog, pummel Gaston, Buntin, Barton, and other pansies, show up at school on Sunday. It'll be another golf gustava.

We are writing this article in response to an announcement made in assembly by a member of the golf team. I agree that these confrontations are necessary to keep the spirit of the Weenie Bowl alive, so don't take this personally.

First, let's take a look at a typical golf team member: Ben Curtis comes to mind. Ben is 6 foot 1 inch, weighs 175 pounds, benches something under 150 pounds, squats something under 135 pounds, and runs an estimated 40 yard time of 7 seconds. But you can't judge a man by his physique. (We won't mention anything about his last girlfriend.)

Now let's take a look at the golf team's view of golf. Ben Curtis commented and I quote, "golf takes no physical effort." Kyle Hatcher was quoted as saying, "golf is a mind game." These views clearly state the complete lack of athletic ability needed to play golf. Personally, four years of J.V. Cross Country

are infinitely more respectable than any sort of golf accomplishment. I mean let's be honest, how tough can golf practice be: hit the ball, ride in the golf cart, hit the ball, ride in the cart, etc... A typical Cross Country practice includes a nine mile run, consisting of a mile of uphill sprinting, or possibly four miles at race pace. Actually, the golf team doesn't even have practice. These slackers make up scores and then go sit in the parking lot to make strange noises. I doubt if any golf team member could run three miles without stopping. As a matter of fact, I challenge Ben to a three mile run to see if he can even do it. I guarantee that any member of the Cross Country team can play 18 holes of golf.

The question is not how much talent it takes to run, but how hard it is to be successful at it. Oh, and Mr. Hagan, watch out for frostbite when you streak across the campus.

J.V. Football Wrapup

by Franklin Jarman, Reporter

The J.V. football team ended its season undefeated, with a record of 5-0, beating Overton, Pearl Cohn, David Lipscomb, Hillwood and Ryan. After opening the year with a victory over Overton, the Big Red took on the Pearl Cohn Firebirds. The strong defensive play of the Big Red, led by Andy Cortis, held the Firebirds scoreless in three consecutive quarters as M.B.A. prevailed 28-6.

The J.V. football team next took the field against the underrated David Lipscomb Bisons. The Big Red rallied from a 12-0 halftime deficit to take their third victory of the season, beating the Bisons 13-12. Both Andrew Walker and Charlie Thombs scored for the Big Red while J.T. Davenport added an extra point to put the

Red on the top.

The toughest test for the J.V. all season would be Hillwood. The Hilltoppers seemingly had M.B.A. beaten, holding a two touchdown lead in the fourth quarter. However, with seven seconds remaining on the clock, Walker connected with Thombs on a forty-five yard touchdown pass to tie the game. Parkes Owen added the extra point to give M.B.A. a 26-25 victory.

M.B.A. rolled into their last game of the season with a 4-0 record, ready to play its arch-rival, Father Ryan. After a hard-fought game the Big Red eventually shut down the Irish with a 10-7 victory. This victory clinched a perfect season for the junior varsity.

Swim Preview

by Bo Sundius, Staff Writer

The M.B.A. swim team has jumped into the water as it starts to prepare to defend its Regional Championship. Two weeks ago, the M.B.A. swim team started swim practice at the Centennial Sportsplex from 3:30 to 5:00 in order to get into shape for the upcoming season's series of swim meets. Under the leadership of Coach Rundberg, this year's team is off to a good start. Although the team did lose its Yugoslavian breaststroke wonder, Kozi Kozomara, it has acquired a

plethora of raw talent out of the Junior School. Some of the teams that M.B.A. is scheduled to swim against later on in the year include Father Ryan, Brentwood High, Gallatin, and USN. If anyone else is interested in joining M.B.A.'s swim team and would like to help defend our Regional Championship, see either Mr. Rundberg or Bo Sundius. The swim team looks forward to an exciting and successful year full of best times and team victories.

Microbe Wrestling

by Matthew Berry, Reporter

The Microbe wrestling team started the season slowly with a loss to Christ Presbyterian Academy. The Little Red rebounded in its next match, defeating a solid B.G.A. squad. The Microbes scored an impressive come from behind win against arch-rival Ensworth by winning almost all of the heavier weight classes. In the next

match against Franklin Road Academy, key victories by Gray Stream, Scott Dembo, Leland Provost, and Duke Rose gave the Little Red its third consecutive win. Against its two toughest adversaries, Grassland and Brentwood Academy, M.B.A. lost by very narrow Please see **WRESTLING**, page 5

BIG RED BASKETBALL - BE THERE!

SPORTS

BIG RED FOOTBALL FINISHES SEASON 8-3

by Will Berry, Editor-in-Chief

The Big Red entered its regular season finale against Hillsboro at Tommy Owen Stadium with a 7-2 record. All-City tailback Brian McGill of Hillsboro would provide a difficult challenge for the Big Red defense which had struggled against Ryan. Eager to redeem itself from the previous week's loss, M.B.A. started strongly against Hillsboro, taking a 21-0 halftime lead on an R.A. Dickey touchdown run, a Mark Fuqua TD run, and a long pass from Dickey to Jody Cummings. The defense shut down McGill and his Burro mates giving up only a touchdown. Fuqua's two second half TD's, one on a kickoff return, iced the

game and won him WSMV Player of the Week honors. The final score was 41-7 in the

M.B.A. held its own battling through a scoreless first quarter. A long drive by the Spartans, kept alive by a fourth down conversion on a screen pass, culminated in a one-yard TD plunge by Gardner with four minutes left in the first half. After the Big Red

could not get untracked, and was held scoreless by the Spartans, as M.B.A. lost a

the seniors, they leave with two district championships, three playoff appearances, a

combined three year record of 31-5, and the distinction of being the largest Senior group of players in school history.

The football team would like to thank the parents, the students, and the



Mark Fuqua for a TD

last home game for all of the seniors.

This victory gave the Big Red momentum entering their first round playoff game at Stratford. The Spartans had three of the best backs in Metro in the trio of Eric Gardner, Michael Coleman, and Greg Young, and entered the game ranked fourth in the state.

Early in the game

fumbled on its next possession, Stratford took a 14-0 lead on a halfback pass. M.B.A. threatened at the end of the first half, but Dickey's pass was batted down at the buzzer.

The Big Red defense kept the Spartans in check for most of the second half, allowing only a TD run by Young late in the fourth quarter. The offense, however



Russ runs off-tackle

hard-fought game, 21-0.

The Big Red finished with an 8-3 record good for second in the district. For the underclassmen, there is always hope for next year. For

cheerleaders for their support and especially the coaching staff of Owen, Elliott, Bueno, Regen, and Downey whose geniuses engineered yet another successful season.

CC Finishes Eighth in State

by Taylor Harris, Staff Writer

On Saturday, November 7, John Crosslin, Glenn Gaston, Taylor Harris, Philip Guengerich, Mark Wyckoff, John Farringer, and Jim Alley represented M.B.A. in the State Cross Country meet. Racing conditions were better than expected, but the low temperature, combined with a biting wind, took its toll even on M.B.A.'s mighty contingent. Here is the story of the 1992 State Meet:

Aproximately one hour before the start of the race, the seven individual runners converged onto the Steeplechase and formed a group. The team reflected on the successes and the memorable events of the season. Since this meet would be their last, the seniors vowed to lay it all on the line. It was clear that both Crosslin and Gaston were taking every possible advantage. Crosslin

arrived to win the region and to do better than last year in the state meet. Half of that goal had been achieved, but the team still needed to place better than ninth in the upcoming race. Some runners



REGIONAL CHAMPS

12th IN A ROW!

theorized that the Big Red could place as high as seventh or fifth, but in the back of everyone's mind loomed the knowledge that M.B.A. had "choked" in the past several state meets. The team wanted desperately not to "choke" but to run as fast as ability would allow.

A relatively large

crowd of supporters gathered, spoke words of encouragement to the team, and rallied behind the team at the starting line. The gun sounded, and 17 minutes later, the cross-country season was over. M.B.A. finished eighth, thereby fulfilling the second portion of the season's goal. The runners had all run near their respective levels of capability, and the team had achieved a very respectable place in the state meet.

The younger runners would like their thanks to the seniors for a fun and successful season, and all the runners would like to thank Coaches Pruitt, Rundberg, and Corzine as well as the numerous dedicated cross-country fans. Finally, good luck to this year's team in the Weenie Bowl and to next year's team in another rigorous but hopefully rewarding season.

Basketball Preview

by Andy Barrett, Staff Writer

The Big Red basketball team began preparing for the upcoming season last summer. Despite losing eight seniors, the team was successful throughout summer league competition.

After a month break, the Big Red began its fall training program, which consisted of on-court conditioning and lifting weights, under the watchful eyes of its new coaching staff (Head Coach Bowers and Assistant Coaches Wims and Whitfield).

On November 1, the basketball season officially started. Coach Bowers wasted no time in arranging scrimmages for the team. The Big Red showed steady improvement against perennial powerhouses: Goodpasture, Columbia, Hendersonville, David Lipscomb, and Franklin High.

The first official game

is at MBA on Thursday, November 17, against Hunter's Lane. On Friday of that week, MBA hosts M.L.K. All varsity games at MBA will be at 8:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a J.V. game.

The Big Red is manned by many youthful players this year. The following are on the roster: Russ Allen, Ben Corbett, Andy Barrett, Rob West, Logan Verner, Rob Anderson, Will Coles, Ryan Foster, Tucker Warren, Anderson Williams, David Ramsey, Mark Dunkerly, and Freddy O'Connell. After the football season, R.A. Dickey, Andy Ward, Parkes Owen, Andrew Walker, Ted Morrissey will join the team.

The Big Red hopes to have a very successful season. In achieving this success, all support from the student body is appreciated.

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